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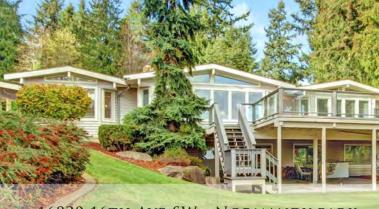
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HAPPY NEW YEAR...



Susan West Mayor

...WELCOME TO 2015 IN NORMANDY PARK!

On January 7th, I presented the annual State of the City message to the community. While like most of the cities in the Puget Sound area, Normandy Park is still

facing its challenges, and as the economy is slowly beginning to come out of the "Great Recession", things are also picking up for Normandy Park.

Thanks to the community's earlier support of the Levy Lid Lift to keep our city's services, such as public safety, at high levels and voter approval of the Metropolitan Park District (MPD), the City's finances have stabilized and we are ready to move forward in 2015 on many of our community's goals neglected during the cutbacks forced upon us by the recession.

In terms of projects in progress, the City's headwall repair project on Marine View Drive SW is complete. The boiler replacement project in the Rec Center is expected to wrap up in February. The City is also reorganizing its permit process, bringing in temporary help to tackle a significant backlog, as well as establishing a new process for a reasonable turnaround time.

As you may or may not have heard, a majority of the City Council and our former City Manager did agree in late December that a change in leadership was needed, and the Council accepted Mr. Akramoff's resignation. Rumors aside, there was NO "smoking gun" nor any improper actions by Mr. Akramoff. Council members felt that we needed a different set of skills and management style in the City Manager's position.

Meanwhile, we have retained the services of a veteran City Manager, Mr. Bob Jean, a semi-retired City and County Manager with over 40 years local government experience, 35 as the Manager. He retired in 2010 after 15 years as the first City Manager of the then new City of University Place by Tacoma. Before that Mr. Jean helped start the new

City of Newcastle, and was the Puyallup City Manager from 1990-1994. Since retiring from full-time City management, Bob served as the Interim City Administrator for Gillette, WY, Interim City Administrator for Lake Forest Park, WA, Interim County Manager for San Juan County, WA, and then last year as the Interim Finance Director for the City of Port Townsend, WA. He is a past President of the Washington City/County Management Association and former Board Member of the Association of Washington Cities. In just a few short weeks, we're already starting to see the results of his years of experience applied towards our Normandy Park goals.

The Council and our Interim Manager are committed to maintaining our momentum towards our major goals for 2015: Financial Stability and Economic Development, Excellent Citizen Services, Environmental Quality, Public Safety, the City being a Great Place to Work, and Regional Representation. Amongst these are our Comprehensive Plan updates, development of the Parks Master Plan and Capital Improvements, Storm Water and Streets Capital Improvements, and an evaluation of our essential Public Facilities. All of this is to be completed within our existing tax structure and City resources.

In addition, the Council has already begun the recruitment and search for our next regular City Manager. The recruiting firm Colin Baezinger & Associates and Mr. Jean will be working together to bring us a group of well-qualified candidates in March for interviews in April. THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INVITED TO A RECEPTION TO MEET ALL THE FINALISTS FOR THE CITY MANAGER POSITION AT 7:30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, APRIL 10th.

The City Council and I will continue to rely on the advice from our advisory commissions and the community as we go through these transitions in leadership while staying committed to our goals. Normandy Park is a special community and with everyone's help and support, an even better one in 2015.



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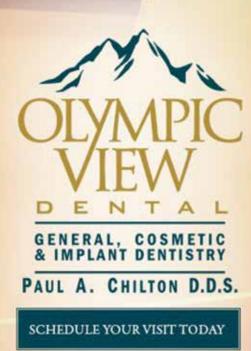
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BACK TO THE FUTURE: Farming...in Normandy Park?!



Doug Osterman Mayor Pro-Tem

LOOKING AT HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS being considered for this edition of City Scene Magazine, I was reminded of the once agricultural foundation of Normandy Park. As described recently in a Thumbnail History of Normandy Park (HistoryLink.org), "George and Elizabeth Oulette had bought 100 acres from William H. Brown's son in 1875, and the younger Brown threw in cabbage, turnips, and all farming utensil of every kind...On the south end of the Oulette property, E. Charles and Anna Gardner farmed their own homestead".

From the 1890's on, the 1,700 acres of land that the Gatzert-Schwabacher Land Company bought in the Normandy Park area were leased to farmers. It wasn't until 1926 that the entire 1,700 acre tract was purchased by the Seattle-Tacoma Land Company and residential development began displacing farmland in what was to become Normandy Park. Through today, the farming heritage of Normandy Park is exemplified by its permissiveness in keeping livestock, horses, and other farm animals in residential areas.

Perhaps it's my family's farming heritage on the high plains of Montana that prompted me to take note of Normandy Park's history in photos and wake up to

Through today, the farming heritage of Normandy Park is exemplified by its permissiveness in keeping livestock, horses, and other farm animals in residential areas the farming foundation of the City. On the other hand, maybe it's my nearly 24 years of taking up root in Normandy Park, vigorously growing fruits and vegetables. Whatever the basis for it, the notion of urban agriculture in Normandy Park is intriguing.

Is it possible that local farming and food production could make a comeback in Normandy Park? Seriously, it's happening in cities across the Country. For example, Wheat Ridge, Colorado has updated its codes to allow urban gardens, including for-profit farms operated by either the homeowner or a contractor, in all zoning districts. Agriculture is part of what's making Wheat Ridge attractive to newcomers, families are moving there in part because of their interest in urban farming, and farms are taking root on lots roughly two-thirds-acre in downtown Wheat Ridge according to the Atlantic CITYLAB.

More locally, King County has launched a Local Food Initiative that has the dual goals of expanding the local food economy and improving access to healthy food. With these goals in mind, Normandy Park residents (who often have room on their lots for urban farming/gardening) have opportunity to provide healthy, hand-grown food beyond their homes and into the local food economy. While \$6 billion is spent annually on food in King County, less than 2% of the food purchased by County residents is grown in the County.

As we embark on updating the Comprehensive Plan and set the vision for the City's future, let's continue this conversation and explore what could take root to bring farming back to the future in Normandy Park.

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MONTHLY MEETING CALENDAR

Council Meeting 2nd Tuesday, 7pm

Council Study Session (if necessary)

4th Tuesday, 7pm Arts Commission

1st Tuesday, 7pm

Metropolitan Parks District

2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm

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Park Commission

3rd Wednesday, 7pm

Planning Commission

3rd Thursday, 7pm



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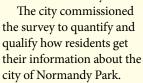
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City Scene continues to serve!

THIS ISSUE MARKS THE BEGINNING of our third complete year of publishing *City Scene Magazine*, and I am happy to report that community support has been

fantastic. The success of the magazine in helping the city communicate with residents about the business of running the city is borne out by the response from last summer's survey.



Eighty-seven percent of city residents responding to the survey reported that *City Scene Magazine* is their primary or sole source of news about the city. That is very gratifying—but not surprising.

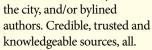
The printed word continues to be the most trusted source of news and information. In fact, it is even more trusted now than it ever has been. A recent international media survey conducted by New York public relations firm Edelman, found that even

the 18- to 34-year-old demographic trusts printed media at a rate three times that of websites. Social media platforms barely registered on Edelman's trust scale.

City Scene is as trusted as it is because we vet the information within it.
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Peter Philips Publisher

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The City of Normandy Park has several boards and commissions comprised of a variety of experiences based on related qualifications and willingness to serve our community and local government. Most of which are appointments made by the City Council and none of the positions come with compensation, including the elected City Council positions.

There will be four positions of the City Council on your November 2015 Ballot. These are each for a four-year term. To run for the office of City Council you must be a Normandy Park resident and registered voter. These positions require a substantial amount of reading, training, and committee meeting attendance in addition to the standard business meetings of the Council that are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. Within 90 days of taking office, there is a new requirement that those elected will learn about the Open Public Meetings Act and the Public Records Act.

King County Elections will facilitate the candidate filing dates from May 11th to the 15th. To learn more about all of the responsibilities for elected officials, contact a current or past Council Member, Interim City Manager Bob Jean, or read one of the many handbooks provided online at www. mrsc.org. Remember to thank those who have served as your current and past Council!

Code Compliance

Our Normandy Park Planning staff has been busy with the recent update of our Shoreline Master Program, renewing recycling grants, and replacement of the Hearing Examiner. That work is in addition to their day-to-day work such as responding to citizen complaints, processing public records requests, approving new business licenses, as well as permit intake, review, and issuance. They will also work with the Planning Commission this year on Normandy Park's Comprehensive Plan Update. Thank you to everyone who responded to the Comp Plan Survey.

At the November 25th City Council Meeting, Council authorized the Planning Department to implement a new Code Compliance Plan. The 1st Phase had already started in August 2014 with an article in the City Scene about code enforcement issues. This spring and summer, we can expect implementation of the 2nd Phase, which is public education of local zoning regulations. Council requested staff to provide additional information on the 3rd and 4th Phases which will be for Code Enforcement and Compliance Maintenance. The Council is also interested in gathering a group of volunteers to help support clean up efforts in advance of the enforcement phase.

If you have garbage, debris, junk cars, or parking within setbacks, you should consider starting your "clean up" now. Unpermitted temporary or permanent structures will be under review and businesses operating in a residence without licenses will be a concern. Your neighbors will appreciate your effort to keep our city beautiful. Our zoning codes were enacted to do just that, to everyone's mutual benefit.

If you have a question about whether or not your property is in compliance with Normandy Park Municipal Code (NPMC) contact Senior Planner Chad Tibbits at (206) 248-8249.



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The next annual Lotto Drawing for the 2015 Pea Patches is now open. If you are interested in an opportunity to be a Pea Patch participant for the 2015 growing season (April 1st through October 31st), please cut out the Pea Patch Lotto Entry Form and submit to City Hall no later than 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24th One Pea Patch space will be offered in the sequence drawn beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24th at City Hall. Each winner will be given three business days to file the user agreement forms and \$35.00 payment at City Hall. Complete program information is available in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 801 SW 174th Street, or by calling the Parks Planner at 206-248-8257.

COMMENTARY

Name:

Freedom of Speech

by Karen Steele Normandy Park resident

THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED on the right of every individual to have freedom of speech. It is our first amendment right to have the privilege to speak our mind. Others may not agree with what we say, but they do not have the right to muzzle us because they are fearful as to what truths may become public. The right to freedom of speech allows individuals to express themselves without interference or constraint by the government.

They cannot justify their fear by omitting the truth and they cannot make the truth go away merely by denying that it exists. The saying that the 'truth always comes out' is correct because with the natural law of the universe comes the energy that bestows light on the truth as it

guides us to do the right thing.

The truth guides our conscience to do good for others and by denying the truth, we are lying to ourselves. That may feel good in the short term but ultimately we all face the truth in one way or another.

When politicians try to cover up the real reasons for their actions and try to make their constituency believe what they want, the truth is ultimately revealed.

Lying by omission does not make a lie a truth; it merely means that the fear of the liar prevents the truth from coming out at that time. When the written word is prevented from being published, because it might sway the public one way or another, the truth is revealed because of the lack of balance in the presentation. There are always two sides to every story and when the public doesn't hear both sides of the story, the questions come fast and furious

as to 'what is the rest of story?'

We must all feel that our opinions are valued and we should have the right to stand up and state our opinions in the classroom, council meeting, office, or at home. No one should feel that they are being oppressed because they cannot speak their mind. It is their very right as an American citizen to exercise their voice and not be ignored. It is illegal and unjust and downright wrong. I may not agree with you, but I will fight to the death to make sure that you can be heard.

So when you feel the need to say the truth, do so without malice and contempt so that it is understood without malice and contempt. Truth can stand alone because it is a fact. The written word is no exception and even if it is an inconvenient truth, it is still the truth and worth publishing for all to read.

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All businesses licensed with Normandy Park during the year 2014 should have received a 2015 Business License Renewal Notice in December. Notices were due to be returned with the annual fee of \$75.00 by January 31, 2015. Late fees may be assessed beginning on February 1, 2015. If you did not receive a renewal notice, contact the City Clerk at 206-248-8248 or email debbieb@ci.normandy-park. wa.us.

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PART 1 OF A 3-PART SERIES

by Andy Batcho, November, 2014

Everyone I know that lives in Normandy Park loves living here and why not given our beautiful views of Puget Sound and Mt. Rainier, stately trees, many parks, great schools, sense of security, wonderful homes and great neighbors. That said, even though we've lived in Normandy Park for 40-years we knew only parts and pieces of our community history. That got me to thinking; given the busy lives of most Normandy Park residents, there may be many others who are unaware of Normandy Park's rich history.

I was a bit concerned before I started this article that the research would be a daunting task, but that turned out not to be true. In 1989, four Normandy Park residents, Bette Loomis, Helen Kludt, Betty Le Penske and Kristy Webster formed the "Normandy Park Historical Society" and spent two years tracing the history of Normandy Park over the last 140 years, from the first homesteaders through the rum-runners of the Prohibition era on to the present. In addition, they interviewed many senior residents to gather stories from the past.. They published their findings in a book "Wonderful World of Woods and Waters". In 1991, Bob Ortega of the Seattle Times had written an excellent article about the ladies historical work, followed by another detailed article written by Kate Kershner in 2014 titled, "Normandy Park—A Thumbnail History". Ken Friddell and Tony Cassarino also prepared a National Historical Register paper that included much of the history of Normandy Park. Based on the work of these people, most of the heavy-lifting of researching the history of Normandy Park had already been done. Much of the history related below is from their writings.

Here's a bit of our amazing history.

The City of Normandy Park is located in King County, on the shores of Puget Sound between the cities of Des Moines and Burien. Native American tribes traveled to the area to gather clams on the area beaches and fish for salmon. A few families established themselves in the region late in the nineteenth century, but it wasn't until the 1920s that the Seattle-Tacoma Land Company began selling lots to develop the city of Normandy Park—so named due to the French Norman architecture of the new homes. Population



grew steadily after the Depression ended, and Normandy Park established a reputation for beautiful homes and prosperity.

EARLY DAYS (MID-1800'S)

It's a history that starts surprisingly early.

Normandy Cove has always been a special place. According to T. T. Waterman's book, Puget Sound Geography, the NW Indians called the curving bay along Miller Creek, "SLGWA-LIT-TCU", which in the Salish language means "a large open space". The Normandy Cove was a favorite camping site where the Indians stopped to clam and catch some of the thousands of salmon in Miller Creek. Clamshell middens (large piles of discarded clamshells) have been found in several places on the Normandy Cove property.

Various bands of Lushootseed speakers, including the Duwamish and Puyallup, originally traveled through the area around Normandy Park (as well as bordering Burien and Des Moines) to hunt and pick berries. Beaches along the coast were loaded with clams, and tribes canoed down Miller Creek to fish the salmon runs in the summer for many generations before the first white homesteader arrived in 1852. According to an early homesteader, Indians were willing workers. They would help harvest crops and sometimes would pick up things in Seattle and deliver them to the farmers for a charge of 25-cents per item. Reports of Indians camping on Miller Beach (in the northwest coastal corner of what is now Normandy Park) continued into the early 1900s.

The Homestead Act of 1862 provided for 160 acres to anyone who lived on the land for five years. As the Surveyor General's office started platting sections of land to create townships, an early outline of Normandy Park was established. Eight people filed for homestead claims in the Normandy Park area during the period of 1869 to 1885.

In 1853, one man beat them all to the punch. William H. Brown was the earliest homesteader in the Normandy Park area. He made a claim on 163 acres and settled near what is now Shoremont Avenue. He built a cabin near an Indian trail that snaked by Miller Creek, eventually ending at the Duwamish River. This was a convenient path for a settler who might want to make it through the brush to Seattle every once and awhile.

By the 1880s, a few families had established themselves in the area. George and Elizabeth Oulette had bought 100 acres from William H. Brown's son in 1875, and the younger Brown planted "cabbage, turnips, and brought farming utensils of every kind and all the house-hold furniture to said ranch" for good measure. On

the south end of the Oulette property, E. Charles and Anna Gardner farmed their own homestead. Since both families had children, demand for a school grew and a one-room classroom was built near Miller Creek (in what is now Burien) to accommodate the three Gardner and two Oulette children.

During the 1880's, most of the land clearing was done by the settlers for their own use. They built log homes and cut and split logs for their heating and cooking stoves. Excess wood was hauled to Seattle and sold for 75-cents a cord. In 1889, a shake mill was built on Miller Creek at 1st Ave and by the early 1900's several saw mills were in operation logging throughout Gregory Heights and Normandy Park. Logs were drug down the "skid road" in the Miller Creek ravine to the Cove Beach, then rafted and towed to the mills. George Carter was one of the first to log this area and built the first grocery store in 1903 near Sunnydale School. World War 1 brought a huge demand for ship building and home building. Much of the old growth timber from Normandy Park went to those causes. There was a huge forest fire in Normandy Park that extended from 180th to 200th in 1926. No firefighting equipment was available to fight the fire. Some old growth timber and burnt stumps can still be seen in Walker Preserve.

There were many animals in the Normandy Park area, deer, quail, pheasants (introduced from China), wild cats, and the occasional mountain lion. Black bears were quite prevalent and Ella Dunbar recounts in 1914 that her brother "shot a bear next to our house". Children freely roamed from farm to farm playing with their friends but were always aware that the bears would come to the creeks to feed on salmon.

There were also many stories in the early history about pioneer families harvesting salmon for dinner from Miller Creek with a pitch fork and of children fishing for trout in Miller Creek into the 1940's.

Most early families had large gardens and orchards, growing corn, strawberries, tomatoes, potatoes, fruit plus livestock and dairy. Some would sell their excess produce in Seattle which required them to begin horse & buggy travel on bad roads at 4AM, returning home at 9PM.

Other homesteaders soon arrived, but in the early territorial days, Normandy Park was

largely a summer camp. People set up tents on the beach and, as the Puyallup's and Duwamish had done, gathered in the bounty of the land and sea.

In the 1800's, steam boats of the famous Puget Sound Mosquito Fleet making the trip from Seattle to Tacoma stopped regularly at Burien and Des Moines, carrying cargo and passengers. Normandy Park residents seeking to hitch a ride could flag down the ship for a dinghy to row them out to the big steamers.

The William & Clarinda Miller family moved to the original Brown homestead in the late 1880's and started growing hops the same year other settlers began homesteading near Elliott Bay. Soon, the creek and beach were referred to as Miller's Creek and Miller's Beach. Miller's Beach (near Normandy Park Cove) became a popular recreation area early in the history of the region.

Many of the early pioneers are buried in the little known Hill Grove Cemetery at 16th Ave. S. and South 200th.

Part 2 continued in the next City Scene issue.





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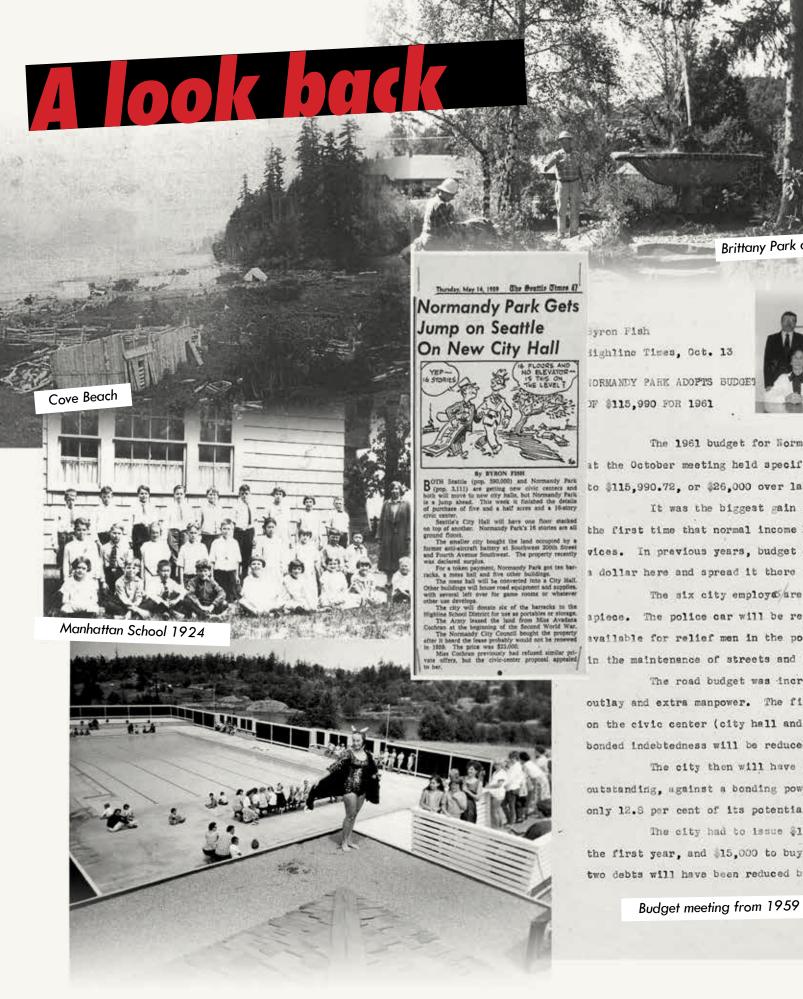


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Sergeant Retires After 35 years

By Chris Gaddis, Chief of Police

FEBRUARY 28, 2015 WILL MARK THE LAST DAY of employment at the City of Normandy Park for Police Sergeant Larry Laswell. Larry will retire with over 35 years with the City. Larry began his full-time career with Normandy Park in February of 1980. Before becoming full-time, Larry was a reserve officer with Normandy Park for a little over one year.

In 1968, Larry joined the U.S, Army and served in Vietnam. He was a member of the 2nd Battalion 501st Infantry 101st Airborne Division. While serving in Vietnam, Larry was stationed near Hue and patrolled areas in the A Shaw Valley and near the DMZ. Larry was a recipient of two Bronze Star medals and the Army Commendation Medal and various unit citations. Larry has two Certificates of Appreciation, one from President Nixon, the other from General Westmoreland.

After Larry was discharged from the Regular Army in 1971, he served in the Ready Reserves with the 104th Training Division out of Renton WA. The 104th Training Division was composed of Drill Sergeants who, during their two weeks active duty training, would train Basic Trainees in Fort Benning, GA, and Fort Polk, LA. In 1983, he was honorably discharged from the Ready Reserves at the rank of Sergeant First Class and awarded the Armed Forces Reserve Medal. Larry's military career spanned 12 years.

Larry has worked for the Pinkerton Detective Agency as an investigator which took him from Seattle to Spokane and then to San Diego, CA. When he returned to Washington State he was hired by the Kent School District where he worked both as a custodian and part time security officer. Larry then purchased and operated a security patrol business serving the Renton, Kent and Auburn areas. It was then, in 1979, that he received an application for employment for the position of Reserve Police Officer from the Normandy Park Police Department. He applied for this position and was hired. The police department began hiring new police officers in 1980, Larry applied for the position and was later hired.

I should mention that Larry married his lovely wife, Peggy, in 1977. Peggy has been with him throughout his Police career. Larry has mentioned on several occasions that if it were not for her support, he most likely would have quit a long time ago. It takes a very special type of woman to be a Police Officer's wife. This year they will celebrate their 39th anniversary. Another interesting fact is Cary, Larry's son, was born when Larry was in the Reserve Police Academy. Holly, Larry's daughter, was born 4 months after Larry finished the Regular Police Academy, a 100% police family.

Larry has held several instructor positions in Normandy Park. Larry was an Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC) Instructor for 6 years, a Field Training Officer, and a Radar/LIDAR Instructor. He has been a Sergeant since 1999.

In discussions with Larry, leading up to this article, he was able to recount a few of his most memorable calls in Normandy Park. Larry has investigated 3 fatality collisions and assisted in the investigation of 2 other fatality collisions. He has investigated numerous suicide calls. Larry helped investigate Normandy Parks 1st homicide in



....he has seen some acts be criminalized, while others have become legalized; he has outlasted about ten City Managers, seven Police Chiefs and 32 Officers have been hired after Larry started in 1980.

1987 and again helped in Normandy Park's 2nd homicide in 2014. Larry has been injured in the line of duty 3 times. One such injury required transportation to the emergency room to sew up cuts sustained from a fight with a suspect who cut Larry with a broken bottle.

You would think these would be his most memorable experiences that he remembers, not so. His most memorable experience was in 1979. The Sergeant needed two Officers to fill the grave yard shift for two weeks. He asked Larry if he wanted to fill in. Larry reluctantly volunteered. He had only been out of the Reserve Police Academy for one week. The Sergeant tossed him the keys to a police car and told him, "Here, if you have a problem give me a call." It was the most terrifying two weeks he said he remembered. It was a trial by fire.

I asked Larry what he would remember most about working for Normandy Park. He mentioned that he will always remember the people he has worked with and the good and bad times. But what he will remember most... he felt he would have to wait to answer that for a few years after his retirement. He wanted to be gone first, to realize what he missed.

In Larry's time with Normandy Park he has seen the City grow in the annexation of the Manhattan area; he has seen some acts be criminalized, while others have become legalized; he has outlasted about ten City Managers, seven Police Chiefs and 32 Officers that were hired after Larry started in 1980. When Larry was hired, there were two full-time Officers working the streets and three Officers

in the Academy. He has watched as that number climbed to twelve in the 1990's.

In early 2000, Larry was awarded the Employee of the Year Award for 1999. This was due in large part to his work on the Y2K switchover. (Do you still remember all the hysteria over that?) For those of you who are lucky enough to know Larry on a personal level, you know of his interest in UFO's and all things that don't necessarily have an explanation. There was no better person to help the City navigate the potential problems of Y2K than a graveyard employee who listened to way too much Art Bell radio. Larry worked closely with the Chief of Police and the City Manager to ensure the Police Department's response was efficient and effective.

In preparation for this article, I contacted former Normandy Park Police Chief Rick Kieffer. Chief Kieffer remembered two incidents that displayed Larry's total calmness under pressure. The first incident was a call where Larry, Kieffer, and one other Officer were confronted by a man with a shotgun. Chief Kieffer explained this was the kind of call where you could feel your heart beating in your ears and the



Des Moines Police Reserve Academy 1979

blood surging towards your brain. Chief Kieffer said when he looked over at Larry, he could see that Larry was as calm as could be and was able to deal with the situation without resorting to deadly force.

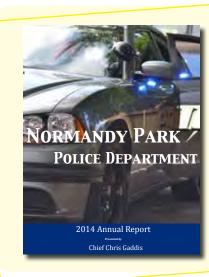
The second story was an alarm call at a house in town. Chief Kieffer and Larry had searched almost the entire house, and in the very last room they searched, Larry found a 90 year old woman in the room with a handgun. Chief Kieffer said that Larry was able to spot this woman and her

handgun, and in a very calming way, he was able to get the gun away from her before any accidents occurred. Rick said the woman was incredibly scared and it is anyone's guess what would have happened if Larry would have begun barking orders for her to drop the weapon. Chief Kieffer told me he is hoping Peggy and Larry nothing but the best in their retirement.

Over the last few years I have been encouraging our younger Officers to







Annual Report

At the Normandy Park
City Council Meeting on
February 24th, Chief Gaddis
will present the 2014 Annual
Report. After the meeting,
please visit the City's website at
www.normandyparkwa.gov
to view this report.

reach out to Larry and to learn as much as possible from him. The amount of institutional knowledge that will walk out the door in less than a month is staggering. We thank Larry for his time with the Police Department. People mention quite often that they have put their blood, sweat, and tears into their jobs. Sergeant Larry Laswell can absolutely say he has done this and then some. I could write about those times in this article, but I think it is best if you ask him yourself. We are human just like the citizens and visitors of Normandy Park. Approach Larry when you see him and ask about those times when he put his own safety before that of the residents of the Highline area.

I wish to thank Larry from the bottom of my heart. You have been a friend and a mentor. You have been by my side during some of the most trying times in my life. I remember finding comfort with you and your family during the funeral service for Des Moines Police Officer Steven Underwood. I also was able to reach out to you when my Narcotics K-9 had to be put down. Conversely, you have been there for me during some of my best times. Certainly becoming Chief of Police was a high point, but it paled in comparison to the birth of my daughter. Thank you for all of your words of wisdom. You will be missed at the Department, but you will always be part of our family.

NEW HIRE PROCESS

In the 2015-2016 budget, the Normandy Park City Council added the 11th commissioned officer to the approved budget. For those who were not aware, the full-staff number of the Police Department was twelve commissioned officers in 2011. For the last two-and-a-half years, the Police Department has been operating at ten commissioned positions. While this addition does not get us back to full staff, we are certainly trending in the right direction.

We will begin the hiring process in early to mid-January. There will be an oral board and then the list will be certified by the Civil Service Commission (CSC). The CSC is an all volunteer commission made up of three Normandy Park residents. The Commission ensures the fairness of the hiring process for all Police Officer applicants.

Depending on who we hire, whether they are brand new or have previously been employed by another police department, the process can take a long time. The best case scenario before we have a brand new Officer (no previous experience) on the street in their own patrol car is early December 2015. If we are able to hire a lateral Officer (one that has worked for another police department), we could expect that person to be on the road by themselves by mid-July.

To stay current on the new hires in the Police Department, follow the Chief of Police on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NPChief or on Twitter@nppdchief.



Detective Jeremy Hedrick

NEW DETECTIVE

Starting on January 6th, Officer Jeremy Hedrick became our newest Detective. The Detective position in Normandy Park is not a promotion, but an assignment. This means the employee does not receive extra pay for taking on extra responsibilities, but they do receive a dayshift with weekends off and advanced training. Detective Hedrick has been a detective on the Coalition of Small Police Agencies (CSPA) Major Crimes Task Force (MCTF) for the last two years. He was recently appointed to one of three Incident Commander positions on the team. While Detective Hedrick is our least senior Officer, he comes to this position with more training and experience than any other officer in recent memory. This is thanks to his time on the MCTF and his experience with the homicide that occurred in early 2014. Detective Hedrick was the lead investigator on this case and worked closely with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab to ensure the case was handled in a manner

expected by the citizens of Normandy Park. Detective Hedrick is a tremendous investigator and the citizens and visitors of Normandy Park are lucky to have him in this position. Please congratulate Detective Hedrick on this five-year assignment the next time you see him.

The Police Department would also like to thank Dan Will for staffing this position for the last five years. There are a lot of added responsibilities that come with this assignment and Dan handled those very well. One of Dan's biggest accomplishments was participation in the King County Child Death Review Panel. Dan's participation in this Panel furthered the good name and cooperative nature of the Normandy Park Police Department. When Dan started on this Panel, there was not a lot of communication with local Law Enforcement. Dan created the Law Enforcement Liaison and this position continues now that Dan has resigned from

BUDGET PROCESS

The 2015-2016 budget process for all departments in the City started back in April of 2014. The Police Department asked for many things to improve our service to the citizens and visitors of Normandy Park, but in order to create a budget that works for all Departments, and ultimately can be justified to Council and citizens, there had to be compromises. The City Manager, Finance Director and the Chief of Police ultimately settled on a list that worked for all departments. The Council approved budget increases as follows:

Increase Records Specialist from a .6 employee to a full-time employee, as well as the following increases: fuel cost to actual consumption rates, operating supplies to account for small tool purchases, contract services for information technologies, employee promotional testing, and costs of training new employees.

The Police Department would like to thank all city employees who had a hand in creating the budget documents presented to Council. We would also like to thank Council for the careful consideration they placed in reviewing and approving the 2015-2016 Budget.

RAD CLASS KUDOS

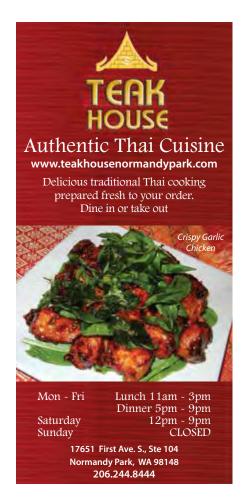
In November and December of 2014, Officer John Lievero and Community Service Officer Dave Bond taught two Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes in Normandy Park. The RAD class is a hands-on training that provides women with self-defense skills at no cost to the participant. The training is spread out over four (4) classes in a two week period. John and Dave will be organizing more training opportunities in 2015. Keep on the lookout for their schedule.

"John and Dave were fantastic instructors who showed us that we now have the skill and confidence to protect ourselves in the event of an attack. They taught with compassion, understanding, and a thorough knowledge of the information."

-Lynne Milnor, recent RAD class graduate

POLICE OFF-DUTY

The Normandy Park Police Department is now assisting the University of Washington Police Department with event security and traffic control on the UW campus. In late 2014, the City Council approved an Interlocal Agreement with the University of Washington for off-duty police service. UWPD Chief Vinson requested assistance from Normandy Park because the amount of overtime shifts needing to be filled exceeded their staffing limits. Our Officers will work football, basketball and traffic control details. The University of Washington covers the costs for our Officers during these shifts. If you are visiting the University of Washington campus and you see one of our officers, stop by and say hello.







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Be certain to check out both the Normandy Park and Senior Services website for FITNESS AND MOVEMENT CLASS dates:

- Enhanced Fitness Stay in balance by enrolling in this award winning program featuring fun, dynamic cardiovascular exercises, strength training and focus on balance and stretching.
- Dance for Parkinson's designed for individuals with movement disorders resumes February 23rd on Mondays from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Des Moines Activity Center
- Line Dancing a blend of fun & movement while learning old and new dances

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Medical Lending Closet at the Activity Center is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-3:30 pm.

Equipment donations accepted such as transport wheelchairs, shower benches, transfer benches, and commodes.

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Make Your Winter Memorable and join us for **GREAT PRODUCTIONS** (Mama Mia at the Paramount, Menopause the Musical in Tacoma and Silver Sounds in Burien) and new trips including the Waterfront Maritime Museum in Tacoma, SR99 Tunnel Construction Tour or check out the Wine & Chocolate Tour in late April!

A full listing of trip opportunities is available by calling 206-878-1642 or checking out the current Des Moines Normandy Park Activity Center newsletter on either the City of Des Moines or the City of Normandy Park website!

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Give back to the community with your hands on the Hyde Shuttle's wheel. The Hyde Shuttle, managed by Senior Services provides seniors and residents with disabilities in Normandy Park, Des Moines, and Burien safe and reliable transportation for needed socialization, errands, appointments and recreational activities. Clients describe the program as a "lifeline" for maintaining their independence. Drivers receive free training in defensive driving and passenger assistance and no special license is needed! Contact Hilary at hilaryc@seniorservices. org or learn more by visiting www.seniorservices.org/ transportation!



Des Moines Rotary Club adds Normandy Park to its Name

Founded on February 20, 1958 as the Midway Rotary Club, our regional Rotary has long been known as the Des Moines Rotary Club.

Today however, roughly 30% of the club's 51 members live in Normandy Park, and the group has long been active in charitable activities benefitting Normandy Park as well as Des Moines. In recognition of the evolving makeup of its membership, the board of governors has voted to change the name of the club to the "Rotary Club of Des Moines and Normandy Park". The name change is effective immediately.

To promote the new name, the Rotary Club of Des Moines and Normandy Park will host a reception at the Normandy Park Ale House on February 17th, from 5pm-7pm. The reception is open to all residents of Normandy Park and Des Moines who might be interested in learning more about Rotary and their charitable activities surrounding support of underprivileged school children, childhood music education, health and hygiene programs in third world countries and other local charitable activities.

A short program at 6pm will include 2014–2015 Club President Scott Logan presenting the "Paul Harris Fellow" to club treasurer and Normandy Park resident Kerry Wallingford. Attendees will also hear remarks from new interim Normandy Park City Manager, Bob Jean. More information about the Rotary Club of Des Moines and Normandy Park can be found at www.dmrotary.org





Before and after six volunteers pulled ivy on January 10, 2015 at Walker Preserve.

IVY REMOVAL PROGRESS BY VOLUNTEERS

English ivy is one of the most visible invasive weeds in Normandy Park. This evergreen vine was planted for decades for its year-round green color, and ability to grow and spread without being watered. Now, because of its aggressiveness and its ability to thrive in shade, and because birds eat its tasty berries and unknowingly spread ivy seeds, it threatens to take over our yards and natural areas.

Walker Preserve, a 30-acre park that largely follows a ridge between Miller and Walker creeks, was once threatened by ivy. But thanks to volunteers who have worked tirelessly since 2008 with the Miller-Walker basin steward, progress continues to be made on saving trees and other native plants there. On January 10, 2015, another work party brought six volunteers together, and they nipped ivy from five trees and cleared another 500 square feet of forest floor of ivy, piling it onto a platform of dead sticks to allow it to dry out and turn into compost. No tools or experience are required to join in. The schedule for these monthly work parties can be found on the Miller-Walker stewardship web site. If you have questions or would like to get on the Miller-Walker email list for volunteer announcements, email Elissa Ostergaard at Elissa.Ostergaard@kingcounty.gov. The Miller-Walker stewardship program is jointly funded by the cities of Normandy Park, Burien, SeaTac, King County, and the Port of Seattle.

GARDEN CLUB SEEKS MEMBERS

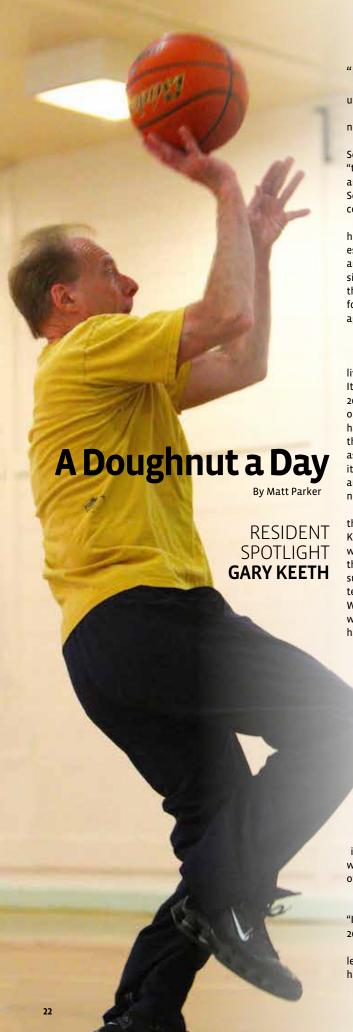
The Ila Clark Arboretum Unit #7 is named after a long time resident of Normandy Park. The group consists of mostly Normandy Park individuals and is an active, inquiring Garden Club.

In November, the group held a fundraiser luncheon at the Congregational Church. The Italian theme was obvious in the featured food. Laura Straight of Flora Laura in Des Moines impressed all who attended with her Italian Flair in several arrangements that she made which were then raffled off to the guests.

The January meeting will feature a speaker on local birds. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month in members homes at 11:00 am. We are ACTIVELY seeking new members. If you are interested please call one of the following members: Marian 206-653-7274, Lucy 206-818-0797, or Kaylene 206-824-1764.







"DAD HAS CANCER."

Dustin Keeth's voice didn't emanate it's usual swagger.

"Bad. They are removing 17 lymph nodes." He told me over the phone.

I was sitting in my car, outside the
SeaTac 13 Coins restaurant, on one of
"these" nights; 4pm darkness, rain, cold
and Lord of the Rings quality "gloom."
Someone who I looked to for an example of
confidence was close to breaking.

Dustin, whom had been working with his dad shoulder to shoulder selling real estate for over twenty years didn't say another thing. He just went silent. I went silent, too, sitting in my car. It's one of those moments your mind argues back and forth, failing to find anything reasonably appropriate to say.

"Good God." I finally said.
"I'm sorry."

Outside the car, outside both of our lives, the Great Recession had just started. It turned on with the rain in the fall of late 2007. Our phones had been ringing continuously for years. They stopped. Our deals had all closed easily. They all fell apart. In the matter of about 30 days, I wondered, as I'm sure Dustin did, how many years it would take to get another paycheck. Years,

not months.

The most consistent
thing in real estate, Gary

Keeth, was diagnosed with severe cancer, then the entire economy suffered a seemingly terminal, chronic cancer.

Were the two linked? Those, these, gloomy winter nights make it feel like the universe hates you. Gary Keeth had cancer, it was as inconceivable as complete, instantaneous and diabolical financial col-

lapse. But, both happened.

Every real estate broker in
Washington has an identification number. The lowest
(first) I have knowledge of is
#604: Gary's (Mine is almost
50,000). Gary took me for a ride
in his car my first year on the job
about ten years ago. Whenever
someone successful and admirable
takes you for a tour, you can't help
but try to prove yourself:

"Hey, I just sold that house!" I said to impress Gary, pointing out the window while melted into the warm leather seats of his Jaguar.

He laughed his humble, childlike laugh.
"Great! I sold it three times!" He replied.
"In the 70's, 80's and 90's! You got the
2000's!"

His laugh is mimicked daily by his collection of exotic parrots, whom collectively have the largest, brightest room in his Normandy Park home. For the first five years of my career, in the local Windermere office, I heard that laugh daily; Gary Keeth was always the first person to work. Every day. In slacks, a clean pressed shirt and a mesmerizing black car that draws stares from women... and men. The longest tenured broker I know of showed up first, looking the best, driving the cleanest car every day. When he got cancer, that all stopped.

For two weeks.

Two weeks after his surgery I made it to the office first. (Pat my own back.) I had been trying to emulate that characteristic. At least I thought I had made it to the office first. I was startled to hear a typewriter coming from the northwest corner of the building; Gary's office. I walked back and saw what looked like an Animal Planet shark attack interviewee. Gary had the largest scar I had ever seen, and more staples then I knew existed, running from his ear to his shoulder blade.

"Well, ha, good morning." There was his schoolyard laugh again. "Nice to see you."

"You donkey." I replied. "I thought I had you!"

So this is how you sell over \$300,000,000 in real estate. This is how you sell over 200

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(For reference, excluding Gary and Dustin Keeth, I estimate the top 10 local brokers average less than 10 waterfront or \$1M sales, for their entire career.) If you are a local real

To waterfront or \$1M sales, for their entire career.) If you are a local real estate broker, and you have to interview against Dustin and Gary, you want to stay away from talking about stats like they were ebola. It's possible the combination of the two broker's is one of the top 10 in the

Several years ago I left town to try a business endeavor in a different state. On the way out of town, I stopped at Lucky Doughnuts on SW 152nd in Burien. Gary has precisely one doughnut and one cup of Coke there every morning. I wanted to thank him for his years of kindness and mentorship and I knew he would be there.

history of our state.

The business endeavor didn't work out. On my way back in to town months later, I drove by Lucky Doughnuts one morning. The first parking spot near the door had a black Jaguar in it.

Gary Keeth is the model of, first, consistency. After his daily doughnut, he shows up, first, at the local Windermere office. Every day, he dresses better than any local broker. Every day his exotic Jaguar is cleaner than my kitchen countertops. Consistency.

He also consistently plays basketball weekly. I have no idea how old he is, but,



Gary with his daily doughnut and coke from Lucky Donuts.

like my own dad, he seems to be timeless so I never ask. I am guessing he was around for the World Wars. About two months ago, he nearly broke his neck during a game. He had been on the ground, probably diving for a loose ball, and another player landed on his head. I called him on the phone:

"Man, Gary, you okay." I said.

"No! I scratched the side of my car!" he said, a little quieter than usual.

I imagined the perfect black Jaguar with a paint strip down the side. This alone made me want to cry.

"What are you talking about!" I said. "I am asking about your neck!"

"Oh," Gary said. "I think I broke my neck playing basketball. When I drove home to rest I couldn't turn my neck so I ran into the side of my garage. When are you going to play with us again?"

"Good God Gary. I should have known how you would reply." I finished.

This illustrates the second keynote to Gary's success. Positivity.

Cancer? It slowed him down for about as long as Lucky Doughnut's shuts down for Thanksgiving. Potential broken neck? At work in a neck brace within six days. Complete implosion of the international real estate market? Somehow Gary pieced together over 50 deals while the market spun into the sewer.

Positive attitude, consistency. If you are looking for a model of these traits, perhaps no other Normandy Park resident can trump Gary Keeth. When we look to models of success in our own lives, there is no way we can lose with these traits. Normandy Park is lucky to have Gary Keeth.

*The stats I have used here are conservative best estimates from the NWMLS, as far back as they exist. Realistically Gary and Dustin Keeth may have sold far in excess of these stats, but there is literally no record for all of Gary's career. In the last ten years or so, alone, they have over fifty waterfront or \$1M sales.

**Although both the cancer and the broken neck are presented in this story amusingly, by no means were they. He had severe cancer and a long recovery and the nearly broken neck was and is a legitimate, major health challenge. They are presented amusingly here not to make light of them, but to emulate the tone of Gary's spirit towards adversity.







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Sixth-Grade Transition Delayed

By Tove Tupper,

Highline Public Schools Web and Social Media Manager

The transition of sixth grade to middle school in Highline Public Schools, originally slated for next fall, will be delayed at least one year.

"One benefit of this change is that it allows more time for families to be involved in planning the sixth-grade transition," said Superintendent Susan Enfield. "We remain committed to the plan to move sixth grade to middle school."

The 6–8 grade configuration is the most common middle school model nationwide.

In middle school, sixth-grade students will be taught by subject area specialists who get deep training and professional development in their specific areas, rather than by generalists who have to be able to teach all subjects. Specialists can deliver more rigorous instruction, preparing students for higher level coursework, especially in math and science.

Sixth-grade students will pursue subjects they are particularly interested in--electives such as engineering, journalism, and vocal and instrumental music.

"Middle school students attend elective classes daily, which allows them to explore a subject more deeply," said Middle School Planning Principal Diana Garcia. "In elementary school, they only get music and PE twice a week."

In the new grade configuration, families and students will have three full years to develop relationships with teachers and staff, providing consistency and predictability during a critical period in students' lives.

Another benefit to moving sixth grade to middle school is that it will create classroom space at elementary schools, which will allow Highline to lower class sizes.

Highline's sixth-grade transition team will continue to host community meetings this spring to develop plans. Families are invited to participate.

For meeting notifications, subscribe to Highline Pathways e-news at www.highlineschools.org/connect or download Highline's mobile app to your Android or iPhone.

SBDC Global Classroom E-learning

Your Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is part of 26 offices in Washington State and associated with America's SBDC's across the nation. Washington State University, as the state host for the Washington SBDC, recently put out a press release announcing that access to over 1,400 online business courses will be accessible at no charge for a 90-day period after registration through a partnership among the SBDC, the Global Classroom (an online business education provider), and Microsoft Corporation. Unlimited access during this period will be available on topics which include Accounting & Finance. Customer Service, Human Resources, Management, Sales & Marketing, and many others. Course content has been created by Global Classroom as well as industry leaders such as Microsoft Corporation, Franklin Covey, and Emily Post. Microsoft Corporation has signed on to sponsor the cloud e-learning program across the United States in support of Microsoft's mission to

empower small businesses with affordable and powerful education delivered in this custom training portal.

Participants can earn certificates of achievement for completing courses, or, in some cases, Continuing Education Units (CEUs), which become part of a personal education portfolio, a permanent record of education and skills that can be shared with an employer.

Current users will be able to access the courses at no cost for the next three months. New users will be able to access the courses at no cost for three months from the date of registration. Courses normally cost between \$40 and \$240.

Following the free, three-month introduction, the eLearning Center is available for a subscription fee of \$24.95 per month per enrollee/employee or for \$249.50 per year per enrollee. Subscriptions can be canceled at any time. The Washington SBDC receives additional support from other institutions of higher education and economic development. The local SBDC office is located at Highline College and can be reached at (206) 592-4151 or SBDC@highline.edu. Simply go to http://wasbdc. globalclassroomportal.com/ and register!



Preschool – Fall Registration Is Open

By Melody Anderson, Preschool Director

It is that time of year to start thinking about preschool for next fall. Sign-ups have begun. We offer three classes, starting with the 2-1/2 year class that meets Wednesday and Friday each week from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The 3-1/2 year class is held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday also at 9:00 am to 11:30 am. The Pre-K class is held Monday through Thursday from 12:15 pm to 3:15 pm.

Children learn important skills at preschool that prepare them for kindergarten and beyond. A few of these skills include sharing, cooperating, problem-solving, and letter recognition that are taught through creative and fun activities. Preschool gives kids a "leg up" going into elementary school.

We are currently studying the Arctic region and Antarctica. We had fun being penguins. We worked together in pairs to pass our egg (bean bag) from one to the other using only our feet and not letting our egg touch the ground, just like real penguins do. Not easy!

Next week we start our unit on dinosaurs. Always a popular subject with kids! We will learn what a paleontologist is, make our dioramas, and make big paper mache eggs with a surprise inside! We will learn how big dinosaurs were by measuring comparable objects.

That's a little peek into our classroom. Sign up and come have fun with us!

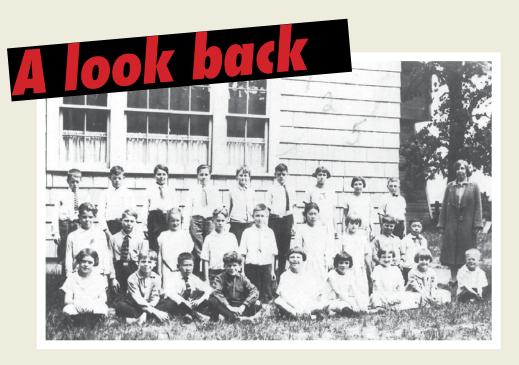


Don't miss the community event of the year, the Marvista Elementary Picture This Auction. Bid on hundreds of silent auction items, enjoy a fabulous dinner with old and new friends, no-host bar, and an exciting live auction.

Held at the Seattle Design Center on Saturday, March 7th from 5 pm to 10 pm. This will be a night of glamour, entertainment, and support for the anchor school in our community.

We warmly invite you to join your neighbors for a night to remember. For tickets visit our website at www.marvista. maestroweb.com





MANHATTAN SCHOOL - NORMANDY PARK (located 1st Ave. South & Normandy Park Road)

Children that lived in the Manhattan area had to walk four miles to school at Sunnyvale. Their parents grew tired of the situation and decided to form their own school district. There were 12 homeowners and 14 school age children in the area. A petition was granted for a new school and a school board appointed, consisting of members Aaron Dunbar, Bill Miller, Henry Burton, and Edward Gould.

The group purchased an acre of ground nearby for their first school, which was to serve School District 135.

All the families involved cooperated in getting the new school ready to open. Board members built a fence around the school grounds, dug a well, and local people planted trees.

The one-room building was heated by a large, potbellied wood stove that kept the children warm.



2015 Normandy Park Arts Festival

The City of Normandy Park and the Normandy Park Arts Commission invites you to the 17th Annual Normandy Park Arts Festival!

Explore a variety of artwork from a diverse group of artists. You may also share your artwork with the community as an exhibitor, vendor, or performer. Participate in our 'create space' with activities and supplies to make your very own masterpiece.

www normandyparkartsfestival.com

IMPORTANT DATES:

- SPONSORSHIP DUE date: Monday, March 16th
- APPLICATIONS available online: Monday, April 13th
- VENDOR APPLICATION deadline: Friday, April 24th
- · ART CHECK-IN: Wednesday, April 29th
- FESTIVAL: Saturday, May 2nd 10am-4 pm Sunday, May 3rd 12-4 pm
- · ART PICK-UP: Sunday after the Festival

"Acrylics and Photographs" Artworks by Cara Davis and Leia Maminta Smith

February 25-April 30, 2015 City Hall Council Chambers 801 SW 174th St, Normandy Park

Presented by the City of Normandy Park Arts Commission. Join us at a reception on February 25, 2015 from 7pm to 9pm for refreshments and conversations with the artists. RSVP reception attendance to: 206-248-8248 or email artscomm@ normandypark.wa.us

Visitors to City Hall can view the exhibit Monday through Friday 9am to 4pm.

Cara has been painting for 10+ years, and enjoys experimenting with multimedia materials to add texture and interest to her work. Leia is a scientist and photographer who enjoys experimenting with perspectives and colors. Artist biographies posted with the exhibit in the Council Chambers





Crafts at Winterfest: Fun for Everyone!

The Arts Commission was in full show during the Winterfest at Normandy Towne Center this past December 7th.

Commissioners Street and Nichol were on hand with volunteers to work with kids (and some grown-ups who just needed a little bit of encouragement!) to decorate ornaments and enjoy some cookies and hot chocolate. A very special thank you to Brandi Messer and Normandy Perk for letting us use the tables and space, as well as to the parents and kids who came in and had a great time using all of the paint, jewels, and glitter to make some really great art!



Art Commissioner Nichol at Normandy Perk at Winterfest 2015



Local Art

Normandy Park is home to many talented individuals who contribute to the beautification and individuality of our community. Ed Hobbick is one of those folks.

Recently, I had an opportunity to talk with Ed about his work, and more specifically, the bird house that resides outside of the Cove building on the tall stump of one of the red cedar trees that was damaged by wind. He informed me that his bird house is a scale replica of the office building of Robert Dennis Theriault, who was the original architect and designer of the Cove building way back in 1960. Robert D. Theriault was a long time Burien resident, and his Modernism style can be seen in building, schools and churches in the South Sound area.

Inspired by the Modernism movement of era, Ed's work has also placed in our annual arts festival with this lovely wood light fixture.

You can check out some of Ed's work at Normandy Perk Coffee at Normandy Town Center, it will be on display and available for purchase.

Ed Hobbick >>>



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COUNCIL,
community, and
staff for making me
feel welcome as your
Interim City Manager
over the next few
months. As you may

have heard, I retired five years ago in 2010 after 15 years as the first City Manager for the City of University Place. While I don't know Normandy Park, there's much about your City that is similar to University Place, and with your help I believe I can understand enough about Normandy Park to keep the City moving on its major goals for 2015 and beyond.

While much has changed since the City put its budget together last Fall, my first job is to be sure we can operate within our current resources and revise the budget accordingly. Sorting out the City's goals and priorities in alignment with staff and budget resources was my January task. Then it's budget in February.

Working with the Council,
Economic Development Committee,
Planning Commission, and property
owners, we want to help support the
redevelopment of the Manhattan
Sub-Area. The goal here is to not
only help create more local shopping
options and an overall quality
development consistent with the
community itself, but also to broaden
and diversify the City's limited tax
base so as to not overburden the
individual homeowner.

In January, we were delighted to hire Jennifer Ferrer-Santa Ines as our new Finance Director. Jennifer has her Masters in Accounting and comes to us having been in charge of Budget and Accounting Operations for Tukwila, and previously the Accountant for Burien. She, the Council and I will be focused on our bottom line and developing a 5-year forecast to make sure our finances remain stable.

We are also pleased to announce the hiring of our first Parks Planner, Amanda Leon. Amanda has a Masters in Architecture, undergrad in Urban Planning, is a Certified Arborist and Horticulturist. So far the Metropolitan Park District (MPD) funds have been used to maintain our Parks. Now, with Amanda's help working with the Parks Commission, we will begin to plan for and make needed improvements to our City's parks with MPD funds.

The Planning team and Planning Commission have begun the Statemandated updates to our 2004 Comprehensive Plan and Codes. Meanwhile, working with individual property owners we will continue the overall improvement to our community's appearance through Code Compliance.

Our City Hall, Police Station and Recreation facilities are operating out of a 60+ year old building where many of our residents went to grade school. While we can certainly make do, these buildings are way past their useful life cycle and maintaining them for current operations will continue to escalate disproportionately in cost. The City Council has asked the Facilities Planning Task Force to evaluate these needs and present options to the Council by this Fall.

And THEN OF COURSE, THERE'S THE DAY TO DAY CITY OPERATIONS to continue to provide: Police, Planning, Building, and Capital Improvement Projects. As of February 1st, we were able to revise our City Business Hours going back to five days a week. Hours are now Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with appointments available for those needing to meet with us before 9 or after 4. So we've got a full plate, but with everyone's help, support and patience, we can provide the City services you count on and move on to implement and manage the Council's Action Goals.

Normandy Park's Economic Development Committee Welcomes 2015!

The committee is already brainstorming on new and continuing projects, programs and festivals for the New Year! What is the Economic Development Committee? Here's our mission statement:

A community-minded committee that attracts and enhances new and existing local businesses.

Here's a sneak preview of what you can expect from the EDC in 2015: The Normandy Park Economic Development Committee (EDC) will organize the 2nd annual business open houses for our Manhattan Village, Normandy Park Towne Center, and in-home businesses. These events provide business leaders and members of our community with an opportunity to talk about issues, concerns and ideas for boosting Normandy Park's economy. The EDC will also provide speakers from various business organizations to provide support and tips for our business leaders. Stay tuned for upcoming dates and locations.

The EDC will also bring back the 3rd annual Winterfest Tree Lighting Ceremony in December and 4th annual Zombie Fest in September. Both events in 2014 drew amazing attendance including 2,000 people from four counties at Zombie Fest. These festivals showcase our businesses and community, raise money for local non-profits, and provide community-members with a fun and festive place to gather. Please call or email Susan West at 206-818-6945 or susan.west@ci.normandy-park.wa.us if you would like to be a volunteer and/or sponsor these events. The EDC is starting to plan now, so booth space will fill up!

At upcoming meetings, the EDC will also discuss new ideas, so stop by and bring your suggestions. The EDC meetings are open to everyone. The committee meets nearly every Wednesday from 5:15pm to 6:3opm at Normandy Park City Hall. Check the City Hall website for dates and join the mailing list by contacting Susan West. You'll be added to a list of more than 80 business leaders, residents, commercial property owners, city staff and council members.

Here's a list of potential EDC projects for 2015 to raise awareness about this wonderful community and the services that our businesses offer:

- Create "Shop the Park" signs for businesses in Normandy Park.
- Distribute brochures with information about Normandy Park businesses and financial statistics.
- Install new "Welcome" signs at the Des Moines and Burien borders.
- Find funding for banners or flags to display on the light poles along 1st Avenue.
- Select a French sister city and hold a wine and cheese festival.
- Create Welcome baskets for new businesses containing information about the EDC, the community, and its services.
- Start a Farmer's Market.

What would you like to see the EDC work on in 2015? Attend a meeting or contact Susan West and let us know! You can also find more information about the EDC on the City Hall website: http://www.normandyparkwa.gov





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Normandy Cleaners	(206) 431-5363				
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Optimal Health Chiropractic	(206) 241-3836				
Pass It On	(206)-280-7272				
Paws In The Park Pet Supply	(206) 242-7387				
Quality Food Store - QFC #805	(206) 243-9340				
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Seattle Taekwondo Academy, LLC	(206) 444-9473				
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Margaret L. Larson, MSN, ARNP, NP-C grew up in Normandy Park and now has returned to live closer to her practice. She had been practicing with her father, Roger K Larson, MD for six years in Burien before he retired two years ago. Family and community are very important to her as reflected in her unique family practice approach to prevention, lifelong wellness and optimal health for individuals and families. Margaret is an active contributor to the Hospitality House Shelter for Women in Burien and Hope Medical Clinic in Uganda.



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